

## Sentence Ranges *G.S. 15A-1340.23(c)*

A single sentence range (in days) is prescribed on the Misdemeanor Punishment Chart (**Figure C**) for each combination of misdemeanor class and prior conviction level. The court may select any single sentence length from within the range.

*Enlargement of the row for Class 1 misdemeanors and Prior Conviction Levels I, II and III.*

CLASS	PRIOR CONVICTION LEVELS		
	I	II	III
	No Prior Convictions	One to Four Prior Convictions	Five or More Prior Convictions
1	1 – 45 days C	1 – 45 days C//A	1 – 120 days C//A

Example: For an offender convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor with a Prior Conviction Level of II, the court may impose any sentence length within the range (from 1 day to 45 days). For example, the court may impose 10 days, 30 days, 38 days, or 45 days.

## Step 4. Select the Sentence Disposition

*A sentence disposition must be imposed for each misdemeanor offense.*

## Sentence Disposition on Punishment Chart *G.S. 15A-1340.23(c)*

Sentence dispositions are prescribed on the Misdemeanor Punishment Chart (**Figure C**) for each combination of misdemeanor class and prior conviction level. A “C” on the chart indicates that a community punishment is authorized, an “I” indicates that an intermediate punishment is authorized, and an “A” indicates that an active punishment is authorized.

If the disposition chosen is an “A,” then the sentence must be activated. If the disposition chosen is a “C” or an “I,” then the sentence must be suspended. For some combinations of misdemeanor class and prior conviction level, the punishment chart authorizes more than one disposition (separated by a slash “/”). In such cases, the court has the discretion to impose any of the authorized dispositions.

*Enlargement of the row for Class 2 misdemeanors and Prior Conviction Levels I, II and III.*

CLASS	PRIOR CONVICTION LEVELS		
	I	II	III
	No Prior Convictions	One to Four Prior Convictions	Five or More Prior Convictions
2	C	C/I	C//A